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SPANNING TREE PROTOCOL

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2009, whose period for response expires February 17, 2010, and concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below. In view of the same as well as the following remarks, kindly reconsider and further examine the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.